



FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER MEETING

DATE **Tuesday, 30 June 2020**
TIME **11.30pm – 01:00pm**
VENUE **Online through ZOOM**

AGENDA

1. Round of Introduction
2. Review of the last Cluster meeting minutes
3. FSC Livelihood Package
4. Cyclone Amphan response
5. Ongoing flood situation
6. Discuss Food Security Cluster analysis for COVID-19
7. Discuss Food Security Cluster response plan for COVID-19
8. AOB
 - IPC Update
 - Agriculture in Emergency (AiE)

SUMMARY OF ACTION POINTS

- The FSC Livelihood package is approved by the meeting.
- FSC will share the FSC Emergency Livelihood Package with the FSC members.
- FSC Members to update 4W matrix every Thursday
- FSC will activate district level focal point for Cyclone Amphan Response.
- Mr. Mahfuz from WFP will lead the district level coordination for Cyclone Amphan Response.
- FSC national team consisting of FSC CC Mr. Rony, Dr. Ikram and Mr. Iqbal will support the district level coordination in their need.
- FSC will share the NAWG Situation & Anticipatory Impact Overview for Monsoon Flood 2020 with FSC members.
- FSC will activate the focal points for ongoing flood situation.
- Ms. Bithika, WFP will support the overall coordination at regional level for ongoing flood situation.
- FSC team will circulate the Global Food Security Cluster and RCO Bangladesh SitRep.
- Members will provide feedback on response and update 4W every Thursday.
- FSC will continue support agency specific assessment and analysis.
- FSC will conduct an analysis for COVID-19 in HPRP districts after Joint CGAIR Assessment.
- FSC analysis will be tentatively triggered at the end of August 2020 by the FSC meeting.
- FSC will develop FSC Response Plan for COVID-19 after releasing the final version of SERF and BPRP.
- Using the FSC analysis findings FSC will prepare response plan for COVID-19.
- FSC will call an AiE working group meeting by the next month.

DISCUSSION

1. ROUND OF INTRODUCTION

FSC Cluster Coordinator a.i, Mohammad Mainul Hossain Rony welcomed everyone to the meeting. The meeting started with a round of introduction.

2. REVIEW & APPROVAL OF MINUTES (20.05.2020)

After reviewing the last meeting action points, the **previous meeting minutes was endorsed by all.**

Action points	Focal point/agency	Status
FSC will circulate the situation updates of Super Cyclone Amphan	FSC Team	Done
FSC will do a quick review on FSC Livelihood Package in the current context	FSC TWG Team	Done
FSC will share the Humanitarian Preparedness & Response Plan (HPRP) when it is finalized	FSC Team	Done
FSC will re-circulate the HCTT Contingency Plan 2020 to the FSC members	FSC Team	Done
FSC members will give inputs for SitRep in every Thursday	FSC Team	In process
FSC will activate DFP in the cyclone prone districts only	FSC Team	Done
FSC will check with Shonjog for IEC materials	FSC Team	In process
FSC will call a meeting in next Friday to review the FSC Livelihood Package	FSC TWG Team	Done

3. FSC LIVELIHOOD PACKAGE

FSC TWG had conducted two consecutive meetings on FSC Livelihood Package. FSC Livelihood Package is reviewed by the FSC TWG. The FSC Livelihood Package was presented to the FSC members and the meeting approved the package

FSC TWG members have agreed the followings:

- The FSC Bangladesh will have two Livelihood packages
 - I. Emergency Livelihood Immediate Package (1-3 months)
 - II. Emergency Livelihood Recovery Package (4-6 months).
- FSC Emergency Livelihood Immediate package worth of BDT 8,000 and the Emergency Livelihood Recovery Package worth BDT 14,000.
- Only cash as Food Security livelihood response is not suggested and strongly discouraged. Delivery **modality is full in-kind or In-Kind complemented with Livelihood capital.**

- In-kind assistance includes inputs for Agriculture, fisheries, poultries, livestock, forestry etc. as identified by the Needs Assessment and FSC.
- Cash/Asset Should be considered as Livelihood Capital
- This is an overall country specific Package and common for all natural disasters
- The Livelihood Capital/Cash should be in line with the MPCG and CFW rate
- Livelihood Training, Delivery cost is not included
- Food assistance package, CFW and MEB are not included in the package
- This is the minimum package & based on context it may be increased
- Involve affected men and women equitably in planning, decision-making, implementing and monitoring of primary production responses, Train producers engaged in crop, fishery, aquaculture, forestry and livestock sectors in sustainable production and management practices; treated with safety, dignity and integrity.
- **This is HH level package in addition to Food Assistance, Cash for Work and Multipurpose Cash Grant (MPCG).**

Some issues those have taken into consideration regarding these packages include:

- Sector wise Average cost of livelihood activity
- Average response values of the agencies
- Bangladesh Cash Working Group packages
- Minimum expenditure Basket (MEB), House Hold Income and Expenditure, Minimum Food Basket, Average Wage rates.
- Cash/Asset should be considered as Livelihood Capital
- Livelihood capital has 2 options BDT 3,000/HH or BDT 4,500/HH and **inputs**
- Percentage of beneficiary contribution
- Livelihood Inputs are: Provision of Seed, Land Preparation, Hand and power Tool, traction, farm tools, Rehabilitation of Crop Production Infrastructure, Fertilizers, irrigation infrastructure, pumps, livestock Destocking, livestock water provision, Emergency livestock feed, Veterinary services, Re-distribution of livestock, fingerlings, fish feed, reforestation, etc.
- Ensure delivery of inputs that are locally acceptable, conform to appropriate quality norms and are on time for best seasonal use.

After through discussion, the FSC LIVELIHOOD PACKAGE is approved by the FSC members.

- ➔ **The FSC Livelihood package is approved by the meeting.**
- ➔ **FSC will share the FSC Emergency Livelihood Package with the FSC members.**

4. CYCLONE AMPHAN RESPONSE:

The FSC CC has presented the latest monitoring dashboard on HCTT Cyclone Amphan Response Plan.

In overall, it includes the followings:

- The response plan has a deficit of 74% in funding.
- Food Security has a requirement of 27% of the total response funding.
- HCTT Cyclone Amphan Response Plan is necessarily dependent on the feedback from the agencies through the 4W matrix circulated by FSC.

According to the current dashboard, the sector specific responses by FSC are the followings:

- FSC have reached 176,758 people with the response from the targeted population of 700,000.
- FSC has received US\$ 2,438,090 of funding from the required total amount of US\$ 6,667,303.
- FAO has received US\$ 960,000 and WFP is providing US\$ 850,000. These will be added up in the response.

Iqbal Hossain from WFP has requested the representatives from the agencies to submit weekly 4W matrix to the FSC about their responses.

Over answering a question on FSC coordination mechanism, FSC CC said that according to FSC business plan, the district focal point should lead the district level coordination and national team which consists of FSC CC Mr. Rony, Dr. Ikram and Mr. Iqbal will support them in their need. In addition, FSC CC has said that Mr. Mahfuz from WFP will be the focal person to activate local level FSC coordination mechanism along with HCTT coordination mechanism.

- **FSC Members to update 4W matrix every Thursday**
- **FSC will activate district level focal point for Cyclone Amphan Response.**
- **Mr. Mahfuz from WFP will lead the district level coordination for Cyclone Amphan Response.**
- **FSC national team consisting of FSC CC Mr. Rony, Dr. Ikram and Mr. Iqbal will support the district level coordination in their need.**

5. ONGOING FLOOD SITUATION

FSC CC briefed about ongoing northern flood situation. NAWG has shared an anticipatory impact overview with FSC. According to the NAWG Anticipatory report, 192 unions in 38 upazilas of 9 districts with over 4.11 million people will be impacted. The impact intensity is medium for the monsoon flood so far.

FSC CC has requested Ms. Bithika, regional focal point for having some updates on current flood situation. Ms. Bithika gave updates on pilot project of forecast based financing which is running from last year in 3 upazilas of Kurigram where the 6,002 listed beneficiaries have already received the annual cash support through bKash this year. They are also supported with early warning messages in local language through radio, mosques and field volunteers. The other districts are being kept under monitoring.

- **FSC will share the NAWG Situation & Anticipatory Impact Overview for Monsoon Flood 2020 with FSC members.**
- **FSC will activate the focal points for ongoing flood situation.**
- **Ms. Bithika, WFP will support the overall coordination at regional level for ongoing flood situation.**

6. DISCUSS FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER ANALYSIS FOR COVID-19

The FSC CC has presented on Pandemic COVID-19.

Update for Situation analysis:

The RCO SitRep and the gFSC was presented. It was discussed and agreed that agencies will submit their input for the RCO SitRep on every Thursday along with the 4W.

- **FSC team will circulate the Global Food Security Cluster and RCO Bangladesh SitRep.**
- **Members will provide feedback on response and update 4W every Thursday.**

Food Security Analysis to anticipate impact of COVID-19

The meeting discussed about conducting FSC analysis for COVID-19. FSC will do the analysis after the Joint CGAIR Assessment which is not done till now. FSC will wait for the latest IPC report on 64 districts before conducting the FSC analysis. FSC CC has asked the cluster members to provide with any analysis report or documents regarding COVID-19 response and analysis.

FSC is now preparing the tolls for the assessment/analysis. The analysis will be tentatively triggered at the end of August 2020 by the FSC meeting.

- **FSC will continue support agency specific assessment and analysis.**
- **FSC will conduct an analysis for COVID-19 in HPRP districts after Joint CGAIR Assessment.**
- **FSC analysis will be tentatively triggered at the end of August 2020 by the FSC meeting.**

7. DISCUSS FOOD SECURITY CLUSTER RESPONSE PLAN FOR COVID-19

The meeting discussed about developing FSC Response Plan for COVID-19 in addition to HPRP. SERF is ongoing and HPRP is final. In addition with those, BPRP is being formulated with the combination of UN CPRP and NPRP which is not finalized and now is in final draft version.

FSC CC has proposed that FSC Response Plan will be finalized after the release of final version of these documents. FSC members have agreed with this proposal.

- FSC will develop FSC Response Plan for COVID-19 after releasing the final version of SERF and BPRP
- Using the FSC analysis findings FSC will prepare response plan for COVID-19.

8. AOB

▪ DFP Activation for Flood

FSC will activate the focal point for the anticipation of flood.

▪ IPC Update

IPC analysis is ongoing but due to the absence of FSC focal point for IPC, Mr. Ashik in the meeting, updates in this area cannot be discussed in the meeting.

▪ Rohingya Response Update

Martina, FSS Coordinator from Cox's Bazar added some information regarding their analysis and support in Rohingya crisis. She has briefed about their current situation, anticipatory measures to the Rohingya as well as host community.

▪ Agricultural in Emergency

FSC has already arranged an AiE working group meeting. FSC is focused on the theme **Agriculture in Emergency** to address Disaster Risk Reduction, Resilience building through appropriate and timely preparedness actions which is also in line with the new SOD. FSC team will work with FAO & WFP to get adequate guideline and standards. Agriculture in Emergency will be the third component of FSC Bangladesh.

- FSC will call an AiE working group meeting by the next month.

By thanking everyone the FSC CC concluded the meeting.

MEETING PARTICIPANTS:

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